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SUBJECT: ICCS: JOURNALISTIC ACTIVITIES OF HUNGDEL

REF: SAIGON 17705 AND 17142

1. DURING OCT. 15 CALL AT FONMIN EMBASSY POLOFF ASKED SANDOR JOLSVAI OF ICCS DEPARTMENT ABOUT JOURNALISTIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF HUNGDEL MEMBERS IN VIETNAM. JOLSVAI EMPHATICALLY STATED NO MEMBERS OF HUNGARIAN CONTINGENT HAD JOURNALISTIC DUTIES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT SOURCE OF MATERIAL FOR HUNGARIAN TV, HE CLAIMED THAT WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES SUPPLIED ALL FILM, AND IN DEFENSIVE TONE SAID GOH DOES NOT HAVE "UNACCREDITED OR ILLEGAL" NEWS SERVICE OPERATING IN VIETNAM.

2. JOLSVAI CONCEDED THAT SOME PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS ARE ATTACHED TO ICCS CONTINGET, BUT SOLELY IN MILITARY CAPACITY. HE SAID THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING ANY MATERIAL COLLECTED IN VIETNAM UNTIL THEY RETURN TO
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HUNGARY AND HE DENIED THAT ANYTHING ORIGINATING FROM

THOSE JOURNALISTS HAD YET BEEN PUBLISHED OR SHOWN ON TELEVISION. JOLSVAI WAS TOLD USG CONCERNED THAT HUNGARIAN JOURNALISTS MAY HAVE BEEN SENT TO VIETNAM FOR OTHER THAN LETITIMATE ICCS PURPOSES AND THAT SITUATION BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY AMEMBASSY SAIGON.

3. POLOFF JUST ASKED TO VISIT FONMIN TOMORROW TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES HUNGARIAN JOURNALIST IN VIETNAM IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO VARKONYI. PEDERSEN

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